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SUBJ: NPT REVCON: MOROKHOV STATEMENT ON ARTICLE V (PNES)

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1. FOLLOWING IS PROVISIONAL SUMMARY RECORD OF STATEMENT MADE BY
SOVIET REP IN COMMITTEE II ON MAY 14:

MR. NOROKHOV (UNION OF SOVIET SOCCIALIST REPUBLICS) STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE WHICH HIS GOVERNMENT ATTACHED TO ARTICLE V. NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES COULD HAVE CONSIDERABLE ADVANTAGES OVER CHEMICAL EXPLOSIVES BECAUSE THE SPECIFIC COST OF THE ENERGY RELEASED WAS LOW AND THE EXPLOSIVE CHARGES EXCEPTIONALLY COMPACT, ALLOWING THEM TO BE STORED IN UNDERGROUND EXCAVATIONS. THE USE OF UNDERGROUND EXPLOSIONS COULD LEAD TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUNDAMENTALLY NEW TECHNIQUES IN THE EXECUTION OF LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS. IN HIS DELEGATION'S VIEW, EXPERIMENTATION TO DATE HAD NOT YET REVEALED OR EXHAUSTED THE FULL POTENTIALITIES OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS.

THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH WAS ENGAGED IN CONSTRUCTION AND MINING ON A VERY EXTENSIVE SCALE, WAS EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN THE POSSIBILITIES OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS AND, APART FROM SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THAT FIELD, WAS ENGAGED IN PROJECTS INVOLVING THEIR PRACTICAL APPLICATION FOR A VARIETY OF PURPOSES, AS WOULD BE SEEN FROM ANNEX I TO THE IAEA REPORT ON ACTIVITIES UNDER ARTICLE V (DOCUMENT NPT/CONF/12). RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WORK WAS BEING CARRIED OUT AT CONSIDERABLE COST, WHICH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE V, WOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN ANY CHARGE FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN CONNEXION WITH PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS TO NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES PARTIES TO THE TREATY.

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS WOULD BE ASSISTED BY THE PARTICIPATION OF THE LARGEST POSSIBLE NUMBER OF STATES. ACCORDINGLY, AS ALREADY STATED AT THE SECOND PLENARY MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE, THE SOVIET UNION WAS WILLING TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO STATES THAT WERE NOT PARTIES TO THE TREATY, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL ON THE BASIS OF PROCEDURES WORKED OUT BY IAEA.

SOVIET-UNITED STATES TECHNICAL NEGOTIATIONS (SEE NOTE PARA 2, BELOW) WERE OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE IN THE STUDY OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. THE FUTURE PARTICIPATION OF SOVIET AND UNITED STATES EXPERTS IN THE WORK OF IAEA ON LAYING THE TECHNICAL FOUNDATIONS FOR THE SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENT OF RADIATION SAFETY STANDARDS DESERVED SPECIAL MENTION. THE PAPERS DELIVERED BY SOVIET AND OTHER SCIENTISTS AT TECHNICAL CONFERENCES ORGANIZED BY THE AGENCY, CONFIDENTIAL

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THE PREPARATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL TERMINOLOGY OF THE TECHNOLOGY OF UTILIZATION OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS, AND THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION ON UNDERGROUND PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS WIDELY DISSEMINATED THROUGH THE AGENCY SHOULD ALSO BE VIEWED AS ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE V. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED BY AN AGENCY WORKING GROUP AND SET FORTH IN ANNEX B OF DOCUMENT NPT/CONF/12 WOULD ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN THAT FIELD. THE SOVIET UNION

WAS WILLING TO SEND EXPERTS TO ASSIST THE AGENCY IN CARRYING OUT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. REFERENCE IN THIRD PARAGRAPH TO "TECHNICAL NEGOTIATIONS" IS NOT ACCURATE REPORT OF WHAT MOROKHOV SAID. HE REFERRED TO "TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS" AND IT WAS CLEAR HE WAS REFERRING TO PAST BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON RADIATION PROBLEM AND GENERAL STATE OF THE ART AND NOT THE TTB/PNE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. FOREGOING RECORD OMITTS REFERENCE MADE BY MOROKHOV TO US PAPERS AT JANUARY IAEA PANEL MEETING ON KRA CANAL PROJECT AND ON RESEARCH ON SEVERAL MINERAL EXTRACTION APPLICATIONS. IN SUBSEQUENT PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH KLEIN AND VAN DOREN, MOROKHOV NOTED, WITH A SMILE, THAT HIS SPEECH HAD REFERRED TO THE US PAPERS. DELEGATION REALIZES THAT US HAS PREVIOUSLY MADE CLEAR TO MOROKHOV THAT US PAPER SHOWING PUTATIVE PATHS OF RADIOACTIVE CLOUDS FROM HYPOTHETICAL KRA CANAL PROJECT DID NOT INDICATE ANY USG INTEREST IN PROMOTING OR CONDUCTING SUCH PROJECT. IT IS ALSO NOTEWORTHY THAT IN SUBSEQUENT SPEECH THAI DELEGATE EMPHASIZED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NOT MADE ANY DECISION TO CARRY OUT SUCH A PROJECT.

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